

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-249-C - ORDER NO. 1999-751  
OCTOBER 25, 1999

IN RE: Petition of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	)	
for Suspension or Modification, Pursuant to	)	ORDER GRANTING ✓ <i>MR</i>
Section 251(f)(2) of the Telecommunications	)	REQUEST TO
Act of 1996, of Certain Duties Contained in	)	WITHDRAW PETITION
Section 251(c) of the Act	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("HTC") to withdraw its Petition for suspension or modification of certain duties contained in Section 251(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

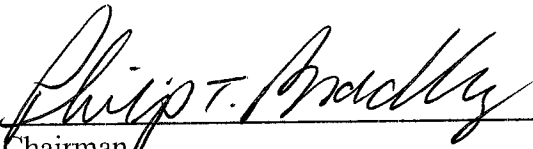
By its Petition filed June 2, 1999, HTC sought suspension of the duty of an incumbent local exchange carrier to provide interconnection to facilities-based telecommunications providers and the duty to provide access to network elements on an unbundled basis. By its letter dated September 3, 1999, in which HTC informs the Commission that it desires to withdraw its Petition, HTC states that it is developing cost-based rates for unbundled network elements consistent with its obligations under the Act and that it plans to have final proposed rates by the end of the year. Meanwhile, HTC

states that it has proposed a list of unbundled network elements and interim rates to Myrtle Beach Telephone, LLC. (“MBT”)<sup>1</sup>

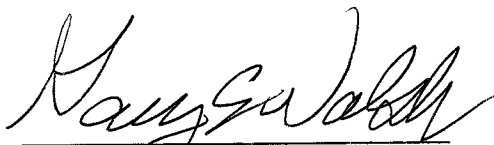
Upon consideration of HTC’s request, the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the request of HTC to withdraw its Petition should be granted. HTC shall provide its final proposed rates for UNEs by the end of the year.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> HTC’s September 3, 1999, letter requesting to withdraw its Petition was prior to the arbitration hearing in Docket No. 1999-268-C between HTC and MBT. During the arbitration hearing in Docket No. 1999-268-C, MBT and HTC informed the Commission that they had resolved the issues of UNEs on an interim basis, with exception of the request to require the posting of a bond which issue was ruled upon in the arbitration order. HTC agreed that it would provide UNEs to MBT on an interim basis subject to true-up at the prices currently provided by GTE to MBT. HTC filed as a late-filed exhibit to the arbitration proceeding a written agreement of the parties’ resolution of the UNE issues. *See*, Hearing Exhibit No. 6, Docket No. 1999-268-C. Attached to Hearing Exhibit No. 6 is Attachment A, which sets forth the particular UNEs and prices to which HTC and MBT agreed on an interim basis.